

# Wonderfull and most

## Lamentable Declaration of the

great hurt done, and mighty losse sustained  
by Fire that hapned; and mighty stormes of  
Winde, Thunder, Lightning, Haile, and Raine,  
with Inundations of Water, that fell in the Towne of  
*Erfford* and *Weinmar*; and in Country of *Wurtemberg*, as  
namely in the Townes of *Nagolt*, *Hernburg*, *Roten-*  
*burg*, *Tubingen*, *Iffingen*, *Elwang*, and *Duncken-spiel*,  
as also in many other places of *Germany*, to the  
great destruction of thousands of Men, Women, and  
Children; Houses, Cattle, Corne, Money,  
Houhold-stuffe, and many other things:

In the Month of *May*, but much  
more in the Month of *June*

last past, *Anno*,  
1613.

## With a briefe Relation of a great

fire, which vpon the fourteenth of *June*  
hapned in the Citty of *Constanti-*  
*nople*, and burnt fine thousand  
houses.

Written to moue all good Christians to pittie  
and compassion, and to stirre vp their hearts  
to pray vnto God to conuert  
*his Ire from vs.*

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into *Englisb*.

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## *To the Reader.*

**T**Hat the great and fearefull day of the Lords terrible and last Iudgement to be giuen vpon this wicked world, is at hand, and ready to come vpon vs (good Reader) now more then sufficiently is seene and manifestly perceiued; for that daily experience, together with the fore-shewing and Prophefyinges of our Lord and Sauour Iesus Christ himselfe, and his holy Prophets doe assure vs thereof which plainly tels vs, that signes and tokens shall be seene in the firmament, and that men heere on earth should thereby and there-with be stricken into great feare, grieve, sorrow and anguish of heart, to behold the same; that the wicked and vngodly would become so obdurate and obstinate that they should vrrerly reiect all warning, counsell, admonition, or instruction whatsoeuer, giuen vnto them for amendment of life, and humbling and bending of their stubborne hearts by prayer vnto the Lord, that pride, and hatred, malice, and contention, with other wickednesse and abominations should so much therein abound,

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that the Lord cannot chuse but speedily come to iudge and punish the great vn-righteoulnesse of man, for prooffe whereof it is needlesse to say much, when it is so manifestly & evidently seene daily, hourly, and continually from time to time. For was there euer more or greater wickednesse knowne and practised in the world, then is now at this day committed by all sorts of men, who daily and nightly consume their time, and the great and good gifts of God, in superflous and gluttonous eating, drinking, lust, pleasures, murders, thefts, and many other abhominable and wicked sins and offences committed against the maiesty of God, without all remorse of conscience, or any feare of his iudgments daily shewed vpon vs. So that we cannot, but must needs confesse, that God in his righteous and iust iugement is truly moued and incited to with-draw his mercifull and most bountifull hand from vs, and in respect of our great vnthankfulnesse towards him, and the extreame cruelties, and vnmmercifulnesse by vs vsed and continually shewed vnto our Christian brethren, to strike vs with the arrowes of his fierce wrath and indignation, by his ministers of plague, pestilence, famine, warre, fire, stormes of wind, thunder, lightening, haile, raine, and inundations of water, with many other such like punishments, by vs well and meritoriously deserued at his hands. As for example. Did not God this yeare most bountifully shew forth his great goodnesse; grace & mercy throughout the whole spacious Country of *Germany*, by sending them



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them so goodly and prosperous a spring, and so  
seasonable a Summer, that the fruits of the earth  
were seene to bee so forward, faire, and in so great  
abundance, as that in many hundred yeares  
heretofore the like was neuer seene, nor knowne?  
But o most mercifull God, how soone by thy  
mighty power hast thou ouerwhelmed the same?  
how soone haue they lost all their great hope?  
how quickly haue they beene bereaued of those  
goodly fruits thy great blessings? and how soone  
(as it were in a moment) haue they beene cast  
downe from the mount of felicity into the deepe  
valley of sorrow, woe, and extreame heauinesse?  
by the great stormes of wind, thunder, lightning,  
haile and raine, with inundations of water, and  
extreame fires, which many places there in *Ger-  
many* haue of late felt, and found, to their  
most great, vn-speakeable, and intollera-  
ble losse and lamentable destruction,  
the particulars whereof here-  
after ensue.









The great and wonderfull losse  
sustained by Fire and Water in the Coun-  
trei of *Germany*, in the Months of May  
and Iune, in diuers places of the  
said Countrey; as first in the  
Towne of *Erfford* and  
*Weinmar*,



In the Towne of *Erfort*, and o-  
ther places in *Germany*, vpon  
the eighth day of the month of  
Iune last past, the weather was  
so vn-seasonable and stormy,  
that by meanes of certaine sho-  
wers of raine, and extremity of haile that fell  
in great aboundance in that countrey, the wa-  
ter grew so high that many places thereabout  
were drowned, to the great and vnspeakeable  
hurt of the people of the same; for that the  
haile-stones which fell from the sky, were in  
many places seene and found to bee as big as  
pigeons and hens egges.

And specially in the towne of *Weinmar*, it  
was most extreame and terrible, whereby two  
milles, at least a hundred men, and many cat-  
tle, were drowned, and the water in *Reinmar*  
at that time, waxt and rose vp at least three  
elless higher then euer it was before: and the  
water called the *Ilme*, which runneth by the  
gate,

gate, through Naumburg, and so to Saal, rose so high that foure miles round in circuit, it ouerwhelmed and drowned all the villages & hamlets thereabouts, together with an innumerable company of men, women, and children, and great multitudes of cattle.

And about halfe a mile from Weinmar, in a small village, the water ran with so mighty a force, and such a streame, that it bare the bodies of the dead befoze it out of their graues in the Church-yard, and at Mulhausen and Solts drowned all their sellers, and spoiled whatsoeuer was therein: whereby at least fifty Tunns of wine and Beere were vtterly staued & lost.

In Eiffeldt by Mulhausen at the same time, there was an hundred men, women, and children drowned, the houses by the water so undermined, that they fell down, and were borne cleane away: and as it was found by searching and true certificates, there was at least a thousand men, women, and children cast away and drowned within the liberties and territories of Weinmar. And for that the water continued with so great extremity to rise & rage in that manner for the space of twelue houres together, the people were forced to get into boats and in them to sit and passe along to saue themselves, singing vnto the Lord, and saying: In peace and ioy I passe along, and God our Lord and Father dwell by vs, &c.

At Magdenburg about the same time, there was at the least foure hundred houses by extremity



tremity of water cleane cast downe and overwhelmed, and the storme smiting into S. James Church, the Organs were broken, the font-stones forcibly throwne downe, and the steeple thereof suddenly burnt.

And at Gorlitz there was so many hassle-stones cast into the Tobone, that they lay at the least three quarters of an ell high heaped one vpon another in the same, which did great hurt and harme vnto the fruit in the Country. What such and the like prodigious things signifie and fore-shew, God knoweth.

In Leiptsig, vpon the 12 day of the moneth of June, the water rose so high, and increased in such aboundance, that it carried away aboue an hundred clap-bordeg, the potoder-mill, a stone bridge, the garden and house of pleasure, the tinne bath-stoues, couered ouer with Copper, the butchery, the fish toll-house, the rent-masters house, the timber-house, the house wherein the prouision was kept, the Indian hen-house, the grauing-mill where the Jasper stone lay (wherein they had grauen D. Iohns Epitaph) the wodden bridge couered with tiles, the wall round about the Castle-garden, the water-wozke, the pipe, and the wall about it, in the castle a round tower with a vault therein, and much timber, and the water ran in at the lop, or shot holes, (within the Castle-walkes a mans height at the least) into the tobone by the Kegell tower, and the Reich-mil, the water was 16 elles high, in the corn-house

it carried away all the corne out of the nether loft, whereby it swoom in the towne Ditches, in the castle, and in the castle-bault, the vessels with wine and beere were over-throwne, so that they could by no meanes be holpen, or saued in the suddenesse of the time. In the war-drope of the castle, the Dukes apparrell and Tapestry hangings were spoiled, the Princes Orchard overwhelmed: in the fore roomes or part of the house, five and twenty horses, two and forty Cowes, two and forty Calves, forty swine, sixe fat Oxen and many fowles, with their stables and cages, belonging to the yong Duke, were all broken and drowned. And in the towne, in the neither mill, besides thirteene men, there was certaine quarters, or measures of corne, much household stuffe, and at least a thousand gilderns in money, drowned and lost, and the millers wife, and her man lost their liues, the Reich-mill was torne in peeces, and therewith foure and forty houses and barnes, with all their household stuffe and prouision over-throwne & spoiled, and threescore and five men women and children drowned.

In the village thereunto adioining, a Gentleman called Monsieur Schurz, had his house, with his household stuffe and cattle, and many other houses more cleane over-whelmed and the stone-bridge broken downe, the Gentleman and his wife, by great fortune and with great paine, and much trouble were saued.



In Erisdorp there was ten houses over-whelmed, and fifteene men drowned.

In Ouerweimar the mill with ten houses was cast downe, and many men drowned.

In Deisfurt nine houses, and nine men were overthowane and drowned, and all the village Kromldort spoiled except the Parsons house, and the Gentlemans house of that towne.

In Villerhelben four teene houses & sheepe-stalles were throwne to the ground, and five men drowned.

In Roslebn the corne house, the mill, the stoue, the worke-house, and the sheepe-stalles, with at least a thousand sheepe, were all spoiled over-whelmed, and drowned.

In Soltelsee eight and twenty houses, and three men sunke and drowned.

In Wortster five and twenty men, women, and children drowned, and ten houses overthowane, with the mill and the brew-house.

In Vberstadt 44 houses, and 23 men consumed and drowned.

In Drebern twenty men, and so many houses, and all Monsieur Shenkes cattle drowned.

In ouer Drebern the mill and the Brew-house borne away.

In Soltza 20. men, and 39. houses drowned.

In the village of Soltza, the Brew-house was overthowane.

In great Grumbach besides 29 houses, and many men, women, and children, with great

store of Cattle cleane borne away, there was about a thousand persons more drowned, for the which there was great lamentation and sorow made.

The stormy weather, and the rising of the waters was so great, that for the space of fifteene Dutch miles long, and about Erfford and Mulhausen, all the fruite in the Country was spoiled and destroyed.

In Weinmar there was nineteene Maister Weisgerbies whereof there are now but three living.

And daily there was graues made and digged in diuers places in the Country, wherein were buried at least 10 or 12 men, women, and children, together.

So that the great hurt and misery done, and endured in these Countries of Germany is not to be told for the extremety thereof.

In the land of VVurtemberg, in Nagolt there was ten men drowned, two houses overwhelmed, & the corne vpon the ground spoiled.

In Hernberg, Rorenberg, Tubingen, and Islingen, the frutes, vines, and corne, were all spoiled.

About Elwang, and Dunkelspiel, there was haile-stones found that wayed two, three, and foure pound weight.

In Orterum the lightning strake into the Castle, whereby the greatest part thereof was burnt, and at least three hundred men drowned in the Riuer.



In Prage in Bohemia the stormes and tempests were so great that they did much hurt in many places throughout the country, whereby the fruits were not onely destroyed, but also the water-slues, ditches, and weares brake into the countrey, and thereby made the waters grow so high, that aboue a hundred loads of Timber, and many fatts full of Corne swam vpon the water, and fishes were found and taken vpon the land.

In many places the water carried away the Sheepeheards out of the field, and many hundreds of cattle drowned, and great store of horses and sheepe. So that the great losse about this time endured by the people in these Countries, by meanes thereof, amounteth vnto many hundred thousand Dollers.

God Almighty if it bee his will and pleasure, defend, keepe and deliuer vs from the like troubles and aduersities, and turne his angry wrath and indignation from vs, which we (by reason of our great and innumerable sinnes) haue well deserved; and for the merits and passion of our Lord and Sauour Iesus Christ his sonne, be mercifull vnto vs, and giue vs grace to liue in such a sort, that we may be alwayes ready for the Lord, whensoever hee calleth vs out of this world. Amen.

By letters sent from Constantinople bearing date the 14 of June, it is certified truth, that in the said City, thereate, by casualty of fire that hapned therein, at least five thousand houses burnt; and that the great losse thereby sustained, amounteth unto more then a Million of Gold: and that the said fire was the cause of a great tumult and uprore made therein at the same time; for that the Iannizaries vnder pretence of quenching the fire robbed and ransacked the Iewes, Greekes, and Armenians houses, who thereupon making resistance against the Turkes, in the contention betweene them they slew one of the Iannizaries, for the which the next day after, they wer fined to pay ten thousand Cechinies, there-with to content and please the principall Visiere Nazut, which notwithstanding knowing a certaine Iew in Constantinople to be exceeding rich, he caused him to be accused by false witnesse, that he was the man that slew the Iannizarie, and for the same, condemned him to die, and all his goods to be confiscated, which put the rest of the Iewes and Merchants in Constantinople in great feare and much perplexity.

FINIS.



THE  
VVindie Yeare. //

1612

Shewing

Many strange Accidents that happened,  
*both on the Land, and at Sea, by reason of  
the winde and weather.*

*with*

A particular relation of that which happe-  
*ned at Great CHART in Kent.*

And

*Also how a Woman was found in the water, with  
a sucking Child at her brest, with the nipple in it  
mouth, both drowned; with many other la-  
mentable things worthy to be read,  
and remembered.*

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